

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
STATESVILLE DIVISION
5:16-CR-00015-KDB-DCK

USA

v.

JAMES HOLLAND HELMS

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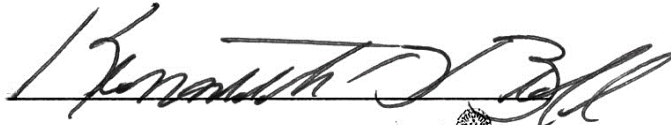
ORDER

THIS MATTER is before the Court upon motion of the defendant pro se for home confinement requested under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 based on COVID-19. (Doc. No. 38).

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the President signed the CARES Act into law on March 27, 2020. Pub. L. 116-136, 134 Stat 281, 516. Section 12003(b)(2) of the Act gives the Director of the BOP authority to lengthen the maximum amount of time a prisoner may be placed in home confinement under 18 U.S.C. § 3624(c)(2) during the covered emergency period, if the Attorney General finds that emergency conditions will materially affect the functioning of the BOP. On April 3, 2020, the Attorney General issued a memorandum to the Director of the BOP making that finding and directing the immediate processing of suitable candidates for home confinement. However, nothing in the CARES Act gives the Court a role in determining those candidates. *See United States v. Caudle*, 740 F. App'x 364, 365 (4th Cir. 2018) (district court lacks authority to govern designation of prisoners under § 3624(c)(2)).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that the defendant's pro se motion for home confinement (Doc. No. 38), is **DENIED**.

Signed: May 1, 2020

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Kenneth D. Bell
United States District Judge

